

*Please Help Us Open
The Takoma Park Community Learning Center*



We've been putting the "cap" on the large additions to our existing building, but we have a million dollars in interior renovation work left before our Community Learning Center will be complete...

We're building side and front additions:



And, to complete the project, we need funds to renovate the interior:



To complete our new Community Learning Center:



The Takoma Park Community Learning Center

What it Costs: \$ 12.5 million

What we Need: \$ 1 million

The City of Takoma Park has spent, or has in hand, \$11,518,000 for this project. Bids for the renovation of the remaining portion of the community learning center had been solicited last summer and **two bids were received—one for \$568,000 and one for \$1,062,000**. Because of unexpected scheduling difficulties related to the construction on the front and side additions, neither bid was accepted and the City will re-bid this work in April, 2005. Given increasing costs, the new lowest bid could easily be \$1,000,000.

In addition, there are components that are not in the current construction contract or in the proposed Request for Bids that the community has voiced strong interest in adding to the project: a second elevator, a skylight in the atrium where artwork is to be displayed, and exterior landscaping improvements. These components were originally included in plans for the building, but were omitted as we faced several large, unexpected development costs.

Funds raised so far for this project come from the following sources:

● City of Takoma Park	\$6,662,000	58%
● Montgomery County	\$2,350,000	20%
● State of Maryland	\$1,800,000	16%
● Md. Program Open Space	\$ 457,000	4%
● Federal Government	\$ 249,000	2%

Use of the front and side additions to the building can begin before the renovation of the interior is completed. While we are glad to begin providing community services from our new facility, operating around the unrenovated interior will be awkward and require more staff for security. When the interior is renovated, we will have **three more community learning center rooms**, a **central information/security desk**, and better access for handicapped citizens.

Portion Opening this Fall –

- Art Room with kiln, small potters wheels
- Five Meeting/Class Rooms
- Senior Room (four computers, round tables, seating area)
- Computer Learning Center
 - Public Access “Quiet Room” with 10 workstations
 - Teaching Room with 10 workstations
 - Media Lab with music mixing and video editing equipment

With Funds to Complete the Center –

- Three additional rooms:
 - Dance/Toddler Room (with wood floor, mirrors, mats)
 - Game Room
 - Teen Room
- Access to theater with stage
- Installation of audiovisual equipment in large meeting room
- Reception Area (customer service, passports, security)
- Improved access for handicapped individuals





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